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Region 6 Weekly Update
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Hot Topics

Environmental Appeals Board Decision on LANL

On March 14, 2018, the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) denied an appeal of Region 6's denial of a request to terminate NPDES permit coverage for the Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment Facility at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, NM. The request was filed by Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety. Now that EPA received a favorable opinion, we are working to finalize the response to comments on the draft permit. We expect to finalize the permit by late April.

Texas 2015 Ozone Designations for Liberty, Waller and Rockwall Counties

In a letter dated February 28, the Governor of Texas revised its recommendation for 2015 ozone standard removing Liberty and Waller County from the nonattainment recommendation for the Houston area and removing Rockwall county from the nonattainment recommendation for the Dallas/Fort Worth Area.

Illinois River Watershed modeling, Oklahoma and Arkansas

Region 6 met with both Arkansas and Oklahoma officials to discuss next steps to address pollution in the Illinois River watershed. The states have agreed to the two models (Illinois River and Lake Tenkiller) and we are currently drafting communication plan. The models are expected to be released in mid-April. Oklahoma Water Development Board is also expected announce its intention to revise its water quality standard to match the 0.037 mg/l phosphorus found in the agreement between the two states. Immediately following the release of the models, the Technical Workgroup will gather to review the models and offer their input to the states. The states have also agreed to sign an agreement by June to outline actions to implement the recommendations including a timeline.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

City of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Particulate Matter Exceptional Event

Region 6 approved the PM10 Exceptional Event Demonstrations packages for 5 PM10 exceedances measured at 2 ambient air monitors.

Sulfur Dioxide SIP, St Bernard Parish, Louisiana

Region 6 intends to propose approval of the attainment demonstration State Implementation Plan for sulfur dioxide by March 31 with a 30-day comment period. It will complete final action by July.

Reid Vapor Pressure fuel blending, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Region 6 will propose approval of Louisiana's RVP SIP revision on March 28. The five parish Baton Rouge area relies on low RVP gasoline in its current maintenance plan.

Ozone Exceptional Event, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Region 6 intends to approve Louisiana's exceptional event demonstration for Baton Rouge by April 12.

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| March 26 | Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association Annual Convention, Houston, Texas |
| March 29 | Texas Agriculture Council Meeting, Austin, Texas |

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